

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, EG, US  
SUBJECT: F-5 PROGRAM: FUNDING

REF: STATE 047665, STATE 046760

1. WE BELIEVE IT PROBABLE THAT SAG WILL PICK UP THE TAB FOR EGYPTIAN F-5 PROGRAM, ALTHOUGH SAG MAY ATTEMPT TO SHARE THE COST WITH OTHER ARAB OIL EXPORTING STATES, PARTICULARLY KUWAIT AND THE UAE. SAUDIS MIGHT DECIDE TO TRY TO EXTEND GODE TYPE ARRANGEMENTS TO INCLUDE MILITARY SUPPORT FOR EGYPT.
2. IT IS OUR IMPRESSION THAT HEAVY CASH OUTLAYS FOR SOMALIA HAVE CREATED TEMPORARY CASH FLOW PROBLEM FOR SAUDIS, ALTHOUGH THIS PROBLEM IS MORE PSYCHOLOGICAL THAN REAL IN VIEW OF THEIR MASSIVE AND LIQUID FOREIGN RESERVES.
3. IN NEGOTIATING TERMS OF SALE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT THAT EGYPTIAN GOVERNMENT BE ASSIGNED RESPONSIBILITY FOR OBTAINING TIMELY PAYMENTS FROM SAG OR OTHER DONORS. WHILE SAUDIS CAN BE RELIED UPON ULTIMATELY TO HONOR THEIR COMMITMENTS, THEIR ATTITUDE TOWARDSNPAYMENT DEADLINES IS, TO SAY THE LEAST, CASUAL. RECOMMEND WE INSIST ON STRICT CASH AND CARRY BASIS FOR EGYPTIAN F-5 PROGRAM. BEST ARRANGEMENT

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FOR BOTH EGYPTIANS AND U.S. WOULD BE ESTABLISHMENT OF TRUST FUND BY SAUDIS AND POSSIBLY OTHER DONOR NOTIONS. FUND COULD BE CHARGED WITH PAYMENTS WHEN DUE AND THUS AVOID ANY INTERRUPTION OF PROGRAM.  
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